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SENATE BILL 375 TARGET-SETTING PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The California Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) will hold seven SB 375 target-setting public workshops throughout the State in July. These workshops are an opportunity for the public to participate in passenger vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target-setting for the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) of the State. The July workshops will include time for public comment that ARB staff will consider before it releases proposed targets in August. The Board will consider final targets in September. The draft workshop agenda can be accessed at http://arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/meetings/meetings.htm.

Information used in the target-setting process, including MPO materials, can be accessed at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/sb375.htm.

Date/Time	Public Workshop Location
July 14, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building, Byron Sher Auditorium – 2nd floor 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 This workshop will be webcast. Directions: http://www.arb.ca.gov/maps/sactomap.htm
July 20, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Los Angeles Metro Building Board Chambers – 3rd Floor One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012 This workshop will be webcast. Directions: http://www.metro.net/images/metro_map.pdf

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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July 21, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. San Diego County Administration Building

Board of Supervisors Chambers

1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101

This workshop will be webcast.

Directions:

http://www.mapguest.com/maps?city=San+Diego&state=CA&address=1

600+Pacific+Hwy&zipcode=92101-

2429&country=US&latitude=32.72196&longitude=-

117.171049&geocode=ADDRESS

July 21, 2010 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Caltrans Oakland Building

Auditorium

111 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94612

This workshop will be webcast.

Directions: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/documents/d4directions.pdf

July 22, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Corona Public Library Main Street Room

650 South Main Street, Corona, CA 92882

Please park in the lot on the corner of Belle & 7th Street.

Directions:

http://www.mapguest.com/maps?city=Corona&state=CA&address=650+

S+Main+St&zipcode=92882-

3417&country=US&latitude=33.874952&longitude=-

117.567446&geocode=ADDRESS

July 22, 2010 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Central Region Office, Governing Board Room 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726

This workshop will be webcast.

Directions: http://www.valleyair.org/General info/Directions Fresno.htm

July 23, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ventura County Government Center Board of Supervisors Chambers

800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

This workshop will be webcast.

Directions: http://www.countyofventura.org/contact/maps.asp

<u>Background</u>. Senate Bill 375 (SB 375), signed by the Governor in 2008, requires most regions in the state to add a Sustainable Communities Strategy to their regular regional planning process. The Sustainable Communities Strategy is designed to look at how different land use and transportation strategies can help meet long term sustainability goals. To help guide these regional planning efforts, ARB sets regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2020 and 2035 and updates them over time. This is part of a muti-pronged approach to reduce passenger vehicle GHG emissions that also includes making cars, and the fuels they burn, cleaner.

In January 2009, ARB appointed members to the Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) created by SB 375 to advise ARB on target-setting. The RTAC recommended that ARB collaborate with MPOs in developing the targets and consider the results of MPO generated analyses, often called planning scenarios, that explore the possible effects of land use and transportation strategies to reduce passenger vehicle travel.

Many of the state's MPOs have been working on scenario analyses to test the effectiveness of various land use and transportation policies in reducing GHG emissions in their regions. MPOs started releasing this information to ARB and the public in May. Results of these scenario analyses are posted at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/data/data.htm. Over the next few months, several MPOs are expected to release additional scenarios and data that will help inform the target-setting process.

ARB staff briefed the Board on staff's proposed draft targets at the June Board meeting, and will release the draft targets proposal later this week. The proposal and the presentation given to the Board will be available at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/meetings/meetings.htm

In addition to the opportunity to participate at the workshop, ARB maintains a web-based comment system to provide an ongoing opportunity for public comment throughout the target-setting process. Interested stakeholders may submit comments to ARB through the following website: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/sb375/comments.htm. Comments received by July 30, 2010 will be considered for ARB staff's proposed final targets that will come out in August. Comments received after July 30, 2010 will be considered as part of the ARB Board consideration of final targets in September.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact ARB's Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at (916) 323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Service by calling 711, to place your request for disability services. If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053.

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For any questions regarding these workshops, please contact Justin Paddock of the State Implementation Plan and Local Government Strategies Section, at jpaddock@arb.ca.gov or call (916) 322-0342.

Sincerely,

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